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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 08/27/02, paper no. 29, please amend the subject application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Columns 1-2, please replace the paragraph under the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" with the following:

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[] Other advantages of the present invention will be readily appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

- FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the subject invention;
- FIG. 2 is a cross sectional view taken substantially along line 2-2 of FIG.1;
- FIG. 3A is a cross sectional view taken along line 3-3 of FIG. 1 with first and second conduit sections being in a shortened position;
- FIG. 3B is a cross sectional view similar to FIG. 3A with the first and second conduit sections being in an intermediate lengthened position;
- FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of the preferred embodiment;